

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. The Examiner has stated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

- Group I. Claims 4-7, drawn to piperidinium compounds wherein L and M are (-CH₂- and -CH₂CH₂-) or (-CH₂CH₂- and -CH₂-);
- Group II. Claims 1-3, 8-10 and 16-18, drawn to piperidinium compounds wherein L is a bond;
- Group III. Claim 19, drawn to multiple active ingredient compositions;
- Group IV. Claims 20-22, drawn to a method of treating a condition mediated by the muscarinic M3 receptor.

The Examiner requests the election of an invention to be examined. In addition, the Examiner further requests (i) the election of a species to be examined and (ii) identification of claims encompassing the elected invention.

Applicant elects Group II, claims 1-3, 8-10 and 16-18 without Traverse. Applicant further elects (i) the compound of Table 2, Example 13. Claims 1-3 and 8 encompass the elected species.

Applicant acknowledges that upon the allowance of a product claim, Applicant will be entitled to the withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim.

This election is made without prejudice and without disclaimer to Applicant's right to pursue coverage of the non-elected embodiments in one or more divisional application(s). Applicant believes that the subject matter encompassed by the claims is patentable over the prior art, and notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

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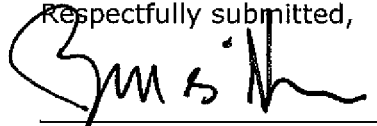
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The foregoing is believed to be fully responsive to this office action. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

Applicant requests a two-month extension of time be charged to **Deposit Account No. 50-3570** in the amount of **\$490.00**. In the event that any fee has been inadvertently overlooked and is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50-3570**.

Respectfully submitted,



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